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ATTENTION OF PERMITTEES is directed to the following summary of the regulations that apply to the trapping of minks under permit of the Superintendent of the Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge:

(1) Each permit authorizes trapping in only the county designated therein. (2) Before any permit may be issued, the applicant shall exhibit to the Superintendent of said Refuge, or his representative, a valid trapping license issued by the State in which such trapping is to be conducted, and the applicant shall, in his application for permit, make a sworn statement as to his residence. (3) Except in taking minks alive, the animals may be taken only by the use of the ordinary spring steel trap, or by other traps the use of which is approved by the Superintendent. Any trap or device that is disapproved by the Superintendent or that does not comply with the requirements of the regulations must be removed from the Refuge. (4) Each trap must be visited daily, but running trap-lines or visiting traps between sunset and one-half hour before sunrise is prohibited. (5) Birds and mammals, other than minks, found alive in traps shall be immediately liberated. All dead or mortally injured birds or mammals, other than minks, shall be immediately turned over to the Superintendent or his representative. (6) Trappers shall not cut any growth on the Refuge except willows for use as trap stakes or drags. (7) Whenever it shall appear, during the open season herein provided, that because of intensive trapping or other causes the supply of minks is becoming excessively reduced, the Superintendent may, in his discretion, terminate trapping thereof within three days after giving notice to that effect in such locality or localities as may in his judgement have become so affected; and all outstanding permits shall thereupon become null and void for mink trapping in such locality or localities. (8) Each permittee shall submit to the Superintendent or his representative, not later than May 1, 1933, a report correctly stating the total number of minks taken by him on the Refuge under his permit, and the number of minks or pelts thereof disposed of to each person or firm, together with the name and address of each such person or firm.

Permittees are cautioned against trapping or trespassing on lands or waters of said Refuge that are not open to trapping. Trapping on private lands within the exterior boundaries of said Refuge is not affected by these regulations, but is subject to such provisions of State law as may apply.

Failure of permittee to comply with any of the above provisions, or the violation by him of any regulation adopted under authority of the Act establishing said Refuge, or of any State law applicable to trapping thereon, shall not only render the offender subject to prosecution under said laws and regulations but shall be sufficient ground for refusing him a permit for trapping during the open season on minks and/or muskrats on said Refuge next following, or for any other use or privilege on the Refuge for which a permit may be required.

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